

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Original): A method for granulating a flexible polyolefin resin, comprising ~~steps of:~~

melting a flexible polyolefin resin obtained by polymerizing an α -olefin with 3 to 20 carbon atoms using a metallocene catalyst, and

melt-kneading the resin while cooling the resin to a temperature of the melting point (T_m-D) of the resin or less.

Claim 2 (Original): The method according to claim 1, wherein the rate of cooling the resin is 5 to 300°C/min.

Claim 3 (Cancelled)

Claim 4 (Original): The method according to claim 1, wherein the flexible polyolefin resin satisfies the following (1) and (2):

(1) the flexible polyolefin resin is a crystalline resin with a melting point (T_m-D) from 20 to 120°C, and

(2) the crystallization time of the flexible polyolefin resin is 3 minutes or more.

Claim 5 (Original): The method according to claim 1, wherein the flexible polyolefin resin is polypropylene satisfying the following (3):

(3) PP isotacticity [mm] is 50 to 90 mol%.

Claim 6 (Original): The method according to claim 1, wherein the flexible polyolefin resin is a 1-butene polymer satisfying the following (4):

(4) PB isotacticity $((\text{mmmm})/(\text{mmrr}+\text{rmmr}))$ is 20 or less.

Claim 7 (Original): Granules of a flexible polyolefin resin granulated by the method of claim 1.